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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents a book talk and signing with
award-winning author and investigative journalist for *Newsday*
THOMAS MAIER author of
WHEN LIONS ROAR: THE CHURCHILLS AND THE KENNEDYS
Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a book talk and signing with award-winning author and investigative journalist for *Newsday* **Thomas Maier** author of **WHEN LIONS ROAR: THE CHURCHILLS AND THE KENNEDYS**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2014 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, he will be available to sign copies of his book. This is a free, public event.

WHEN LIONS ROAR begins in the mid-1930s at Chartwell, Winston Churchill's country estate, with new revelations surrounding a secret business deal orchestrated by Joseph P. Kennedy, the soon-to-be American ambassador to Great Britain and the father of future American president John F. Kennedy. From London to America, these two powerful families shared an ever-widening circle of friends, lovers, and political associates -- soon shattered by World War II, spying, sexual infidelity, and the tragic deaths of JFK's sister Kathleen and his older brother Joe Jr. By the 1960s and JFK's presidency, the Churchills and the Kennedys had overcome their bitter differences and helped to define the "greatness" in each other.

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Acclaimed biographer Thomas Maier tells this dynastic saga through fathers and their sons -- and the remarkable women in their lives -- providing keen insight into the Churchill and Kennedy families and the profound forces of duty, loyalty, courage and ambition that shaped them. He explores the seismic impact of Winston Churchill on JFK and American policy, wrestling anew with the legacy of two titans of the twentieth century. Maier also delves deeply into the conflicted bond between Winston and his son, Randolph, and the contrasting example of patriarch Joe Kennedy, a failed politician who successfully channeled his personal ambitions to his children. By approaching these iconic figures from a new perspective, Maier not only illuminates the intricacies of this all-important cross-Atlantic allegiance but also enriches our understanding of the tumultuous time in which they lived and the world events they so greatly influenced.

With deeply human portraits of these flawed but larger-than-life figures, *WHEN LIONS ROAR* explores the "special relationship" between the Churchills and Kennedys, and between Great Britain and the United States, highlighting all of its emotional complexity and historic significance.

Thomas Maier is an award-winning author and investigative journalist for *Newsday*. His 2009 book, *MASTERS OF SEX: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WILLIAM MASTERS AND VIRGINIA JOHNSON, THE COUPLE WHO TAUGHT AMERICA HOW TO LOVE*, was the basis for the Showtime television series. Maier's other books include *THE KENNEDYS: AMERICA'S EMERALD KINGS*; *DR. SPOCK: AN AMERICAN LIFE*; *NEWHOUSE: ALL THE GLITTER, POWER AND GLORY OF AMERICA'S RICHEST MEDIA EMPIRE AND THE SECRETIVE MAN BEHIND IT*; and *WHEN LIONS ROAR: THE CHURCHILLS AND THE KENNEDYS*.

Copies of Maier's book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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